

Pyemmairre language

Northeastern Tasmanian, or **Pyemmairre**, is an aboriginal language of Tasmania.

It is identified in the reconstruction of Claire Bower.^[3] It was spoken in the northeastern corner of the island.

Northeastern Tasmanian is attested from three word lists of Charles Robinson and George Augustus Robinson: From Cape Portland (366 words), Ben Lomond (195 words), and Pipers River (126 words).^[4] Bower also includes the language of the Port Dalrymple vocabulary (125 words) collected by J.-P. Gaimard in the Tamar River region of the North Midlands; however, it is divergent, and Dixon & Crowley consider it to be a distinct language.^[5]

The name *Pyemmairre* may not include the highland people of Ben Lomond, for which *Plangermaireener* ("Plangamerina") has been used.

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Pyemmairre	
Northeastern Tasmanian	
Region	North-eastern corner of Tasmania
Ethnicity	Northeastern and Ben Lomond tribes of Tasmanians
Extinct	19th century
Language family	Northeastern Tasmanian ▪ Pyemmairre
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	xpb
Glottolog	benl1235 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/benl1235) ^[1]
AIATSIS ^[2]	T7 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/T7) Ben Lomond, T9 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/T9) Cape Portland, T14 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/T14) Pipers River

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